GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Immunisation against Measles and Rubella
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(a) whether the Government has started any special campaign apart from the routine immunisation to eliminate measles and rubella by the year 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the targeted areas the Government has chosen on priority to start with?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): Yes, the Government has started Measles-Rubella campaign apart from routine immunization to eliminate measles and rubella by the year 2020.

(b): National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) recommended Measles-Rubella vaccination campaign, targeting children in the age group of 9 months to less than 15 years, followed by introduction of Measles-Rubella vaccine in the routine immunization as two doses replacing the measles vaccine already in the programme. In routine, the first dose of Measles-Rubella vaccine is to be given at 9-12 months and the second dose at 16 -24 months of the age of the child.

(c): Measles-Rubella campaign started in February 2017 from 5 states/UTs, namely, Goa, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu.